Export of Coffee from India

Year	Qty. (Tonnes)	Value (Rs./Lakhs)
1991-92	1,11,457	34900.54
1992-93 (Provisional)	1,10,018	36930.02

Export of Coconut based Products

738. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a number of enquiries from foreign countries for the supply of coconut based products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to export coconut based products to foreign countries; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under the present Export and Import Policy, export of coconut products is allowed freely with the exception of coconut oil export of which is subject to licensing.

Meeting with Tobacco Growers Delegation

739. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an all party delegation of F.C.V. tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh met the Prime Minister as well as him for redressal of their grievances;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to redress the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delegation submitted that the prices for the FCV tobacco at the auctions currently prevailing in Andhra Pradesh are low as compared to last year and they urged the Govt. to take urgent measures to help stabilise the market.

(c) The following steps have been taken :—

(i) An emergency meeting of the Tobacco Board was held on April 15, 1993 to take stock of the situation and consider ways to tackle it.

(ii) Balance of technical credit granted to the Russian Federation in 1992 has been ordered to be released;

(iii) The Tobacco Board has stepped up its efforts to export tobacco and tobacco products. The Chairman, Tobacco Board took a 9-member exporters' delega-

tion to Russia and other CIS countries.

(iv) The Commerce Ministry had a meeting with the manufacturers and exporters of tobacco and cigarettes and advised them to step up their purchases at the auction platforms.

Foreign Exchange earned on Agricultural Exports

740. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the foreign exchange earned by export of grapes during the current crop as also of Basmati and other agriculture produce during the year 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : Export of agro-based commodities during 1992-93 (including grapes and basmati rice) is provisionally estimated at US $ 1945 million. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authoritiy (APEDA) has estimated that export of grapes will be in the region of US $ 13 million during the current crop.

Impact of withdrawal of CCS on PS Undertakings

741. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's decision to withdraw CCS w.e.f. 3rd July, 1991 had caused financial losses to various Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether representations of these PSUs for the claim settlement of CCS have been pending;

(c) whether Government would follow procedure correctly to lend support to the exporting PSUs to encourage further exports; and

(d) if so, the details of the PSUs whose representation for CCS have been received and what support is to be given to them even at the belated stage ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) CCS was an incentive given uniformly to the exporters whether in the Private/Public Sector and was withdrawn on 2-7-91. According to the decision taken by the Government Physical Exports effected midnight of 2-7-91 were eligible for payment of CCS.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Uniform procedure is followed in respect of all categories of exporters whether private or PSUs.

(d) Only one representation of M/s. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., Calcutta, a PSU was received for payment of CCS where repatriation of foreign exchange took place before 3-7-91; however, physical export were after 2-7-91. Since their physical exports took place only after 2-7-91, they were not eligible for CCS.

Contribution of Acquaculture and Ocean Fisheries in Marine Exports

742. SHRI MENTAY PADMANBHAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the MPEDA has identified the contribution of acquaculture and ocean fisheries to marine product exports in 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the details of contribution of acquaculture and marine fisheries, separately, to the annual marine product exports;